

**TOWN OF GRANBY
YOUTH SERVICE BUREAU
SENIOR CENTER/YOUTH SERVICES BUILDING
Minutes
January 9, 2013**

PRESENT: Donna Snyder, Chairman; Jack Cashman, AnneMarie Cox, Hanna Crose, Michael Garcia, Kaitlyn Goodrich (YAC), Kerry Kielbasa, Laura Matheos, Mark McDermott, Michele Psutka, Daphne Shinder, Captain Tyler

Chairman Donna Snyder confirmed a quorum and began the meeting at 4:05 p.m.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING'S MINUTES

ON A MOTION BY Mark McDermott, seconded by AnneMarie Cox, the Board voted (8-0-2) to accept the minutes of November 14, 2012 as written. Laura Matheos and Michael Garcia abstained as they were not present at the meeting.

GRANBY PREVENTION COUNCIL UPDATE:

- The GPC met last Monday and continued planning for a fundraiser to help with programming. A silent auction will be held at Holcomb Farm the last Saturday in April. Local businesses will be approached to donate baskets.
- The Search Institute surveys were purchased with assistance from the Community Fund and CASAC. Ms. Kielbasa is presently working with Diane Dugas who will then meet with staff to determine when the survey will be conducted. East Granby has done their survey and they are awaiting the results.

YOUTH COUNSELOR REPORT:

- Ms. Cox reported that she will attend a legislative breakfast on Friday sponsored by the CT Youth Service Bureau.
- CASAC is in the process of putting together focus groups on any type of electronic gaming. The purpose is to gather information, i.e. what's excessive, etc.
- GO (Guys Only) will be on hold until the spring.
- Beginning January 18th, the game room will be available on Friday evenings for pool, ping pong, game systems, etc. The program is for middle school and high school kids and they will need to register for specific blocks of time.
- An after-school group for middle school girls will begin Friday, January 18th from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

- Ms. Cox will attend an assembly on bullying at the middle school on January 22nd and 23rd. There will be a parents program on the 22nd and the 23rd will consist of small group work with student leaders.
- Ms. Cox stated she is presently working on purchasing a curriculum regarding helping parents improve communication with their kids. The hope is to begin offering the program in the spring and sessions will be six weeks in length. She will find out Monday if the GEC will assist with funding.

YOUTH ACTION COUNCIL:

- On Monday, YAC will meet with the middle school student council regarding the safe zone program.
- YAC is also helping schools to create bio-degradable lunch trays. A survey was taken and most kids said they would pay five cents more for lunch to purchase the trays.
- There will be a post-holiday dinner at Holcomb Farm on January 20th. During this time, planning will begin for the next 6th grade dance.

OLD BUSINESS

- Donna Snyder reported she met with Paul Osypuk in October and with Dr. Law on December 20th regarding transportation for after school activities. Dr. Law stated they had a bus for the past two years for academic programs after school but participation was low. Also, the bus ride was long and kids had to walk a distance to their home. She also requested that if a survey is done, could respondents be asked what type of activities they would like to see after school, i.e. clubs, etc. Daphne Shinder contacted area towns to find out what they do and gave a brief report. Shirley Ryan got information from Suffield. Ms. Snyder will follow-up with the sub-committee and put together all the information.

NEW BUSINESS

- The YMCA is starting a teen night program. It will be held the last Saturday of the month beginning January 26th. The goal is to get as many kids as possible to attend. It is open to everyone, not just Y members. There are a few kids from Farmington Valley towns assisting in the planning and they have created a facebook page and twitter feed in order to get the word out.
- Hannah Crose asked for feedback regarding starting a Big Brothers/Big Sisters program in town. Granby kids who are in need of a mentor would be identified for the program. It can be done either site based or community based. The application process would be done through Big Brothers/Big Sisters. Ms. Kielbasa stated she recommends a site-based program for supervision purposes and Ms. Cox offered to collaborate if it is decided to move forward.

ADJOURNMENT

ON A MOTION BY AnnMarie Cox, seconded by Mark McDermott, the bureau voted (10-0-0) to adjourn at 4:55 p.m.

The next scheduled meeting will be held on February 13, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Kane
Recording Secretary